

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 26, 2000
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; PAUL KUSAKABE, Fiscal Services Director; GINA JARVIS, Accountant; LINDA DIXON, Finance Analyst; SHAWNA MULHALL, Economic Development Manager; REBECCA LIND, Senior Planner; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; LYS HORNSBY, Utility Systems Director; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION
“Day of Concern for the
Hungry” – 9/30/00

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring September 30, 2000 as “Day of Concern for the Hungry”, and strongly urging all citizens to join with the Emergency Feeding Program to feed those who are hungry. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Kathryn Hillard accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Emergency Feeding Program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Finance: 1998 and 1999
CAFRs

Victoria Runkle, Finance & Information Services Administrator, presented the City’s 1999 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which was recently completed. Saying that Renton consistently receives clean audit reports for its CAFRs, including the 1998 document, she credited Accountant Gina Jarvis and Finance Analyst Linda Dixon with ensuring that the City produces a quality, award-winning document.

PUBLIC HEARING
Planning: Office Amendments
in the Light Industrial Zone

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider office amendments in the Light Industrial (IL) zone, and correction of use tables for hotel and motel uses in the Commercial Arterial (CA) zone.

Rebecca Lind, Senior Planner, explained that the proposed amendments add Office and Professional Office uses to the IL zone city-wide, and proposes a new definition of office. The amendments are being proposed in association with a Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezone which seeks to change the land use designation of 7.5 acres south of NE 3rd St. from Residential Options (with R-10 zoning) to Employment Area – Industrial (with Light Industrial zoning). Even with the Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezone, a further change is needed

to allow an office use unrelated to an industrial use. Currently, office uses are allowed within the Employment Area – Valley land use designation, but not within the Employment Area – Industrial, unless related to an industrial use.

The proposed definition of “office” is as follows: “A room or group of rooms used for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government and generally furnished with desks, tables, files and communication equipment.”

Ms. Lind then explained that the proposed amendment to the Commercial Arterial zone use tables for hotels and motels is to correct an error that was made in the reorganization of Title IV. Hotels and motels are permitted uses in the Commercial Arterial zone, and this must be reflected in all applicable land use tables.

Ms. Lind concluded that these issues remain in the Planning & Development Committee, which will forward a recommendation to the full Council for its consideration as part of the 2000 Comprehensive Plan amendments package.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ Starting in July, Renton solid waste customers will receive weekly yard waste collection. Other service options provided by the new contract will be made available in the coming weeks.
- ✱ The Renton Public Library received a donation of \$5,000 for the purchase of library books. Ken Ragland, a Library Board member, made the donation in memory of his wife Rajeane, who recently passed away.
- ✱ The United States Tennis Association presented the Recreation Division with a \$317 grant that will be used to offer tennis lessons to teens.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Wallace –
Kennydale Beach Park
Entrance Landscaping

Diana Wallace, 1207 N. 33rd St., Renton, 98056, described the efforts of Kennydale residents to improve the area which slopes westward from the Kennydale Beach Park’s parking lot to Lake Washington Blvd., just south of N. 36th Street. Explaining that this slope was overgrown with blackberries, weeds and snakegrass, she said City crews removed the vegetation at the community’s request. Doing so, however, revealed exactly how steep the slope is, and it is now agreed that the area must be terraced to address safety and erosion issues prior to being landscaped. Ms. Wallace asked that the City fund this project in next year’s budget as this area is very visible, and many members of the community are willing to help with landscaping as well as maintenance of the finished product.

Responding to Council inquiry, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman said this project is being proposed for funding in the draft Six-Year TIP, which is being referred to the Transportation Committee this evening. Although it is not included with next year’s recommended appropriations, Council is free to consider whether it merits higher priority than other projects. Mr. Zimmerman estimated the cost of stabilizing and terracing the slope will be in the range of \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Recalling that the Neighborhood Grant Program had funds left over last year, Councilman Corman suggested that some of these could be applied to this project. Councilmember Nelson questioned whether it would be appropriate to use a sizable amount of these funds for this purpose, especially as the primary requirement of the Neighborhood Grant Program is that communities donate in-kind service to the projects. In this case, however, community members will not be allowed to perform any of the terracing work on the slope.

Following further discussion, Council agreed to consider this matter further when it takes up the Six-Year TIP next month.

Citizen Comment: Withers –
Kennydale Beach Park
Entrance Landscaping

Alan Withers, 1206 N. 31st St., Renton, 98056, echoed Ms. Wallace's comments on the desire of the Kennydale neighborhood to see this slope improved. He emphasized that residents are willing to help maintain this area once it is landscaped.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

CAG: 99-167, Basement & Jail
Demolition (200 Mill Bldg),
Wyndham Design Inc

Community Services Department submitted CAG-99-167, Basement and Jail Demolition (200 Mill Building); and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$10,265.88, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$3,880.30 to Wyndham Design, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Plat: Windwood, NE 5th St &
Quincey Ave NE (FP-00-039)

Development Services Division recommended approval of the Windwood Final Plat, Phase 2; 30 single family lots on 12.46 acres in the vicinity of NE 5th St. and Quincey Ave. NE (FP-00-039). Council concur. (See page 232 for resolution.)

Annexation: Knight, 144th Ave
SE & SE 132nd St

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Notice of Intent to Annex for the proposed Knight Annexation; approximately 46 acres located in the general vicinity of 144th Ave. SE and SE 132nd St.; and recommended a public hearing be set for 7/10/00 to consider the petition. Council concur.

Annexation: Merlino, MLK Jr.
Way (SR-900) & S 140th St

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Notice of Intent to Annex approximately 46.97 acres south of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (SR-900) and north of S. 140th St. and the BN/SF Railroad line in the Black River Conservation area; petitioners Gary Merlino, et al.; and recommended that a public hearing be set for 7/10/00 to consider the petition. Council concur.

Transportation: S 2nd St
Traffic Signals Improvement,
WSDOT Grant

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a Federal Aid Project Prospectus and an agreement with WSDOT to receive grant funding in the amount of \$225,000 through the 1998-1999 Hazard Elimination Program to improve the S. 2nd St. traffic signals. Renton's cost share is \$25,000. Council concur. (See page 232 for resolution.)

CAG: 00-051, 2000 Slurry
Seal, Blackline Inc

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-00-051, 2000 Slurry Seal; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$94,614.17, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$4,979.70 to Blackline, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Transportation: Six-Year TIP
(2001-2006)

Transportation Systems Division submitted the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Refer the TIP to the Transportation Committee; set a public hearing on 7/10/00 to consider the TIP.

CAG: 99-113, Lk Wash Blvd
Water Main Replacement,
A&A Excavating

Water Utility Division submitted CAG-99-113, Lake Washington Blvd. Water Main Replacement project; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$2,707.45, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$3,246.59 to A&A Excavating, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Shuttle
Express – Sea-Tac Airport
HOV Operations

Correspondence was read from Jimmy M. Sherrell, President of Shuttle Express, 800 SW 16th St., Renton, 98055, requesting that the City take a position on Sea-Tac Airport HOV drop-off and pick-up locations, which the Port of Seattle is considering changing to the detriment of high-occupancy vehicle operators. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: King County
– County-wide Planning
Policies (Proposed Changes)

Correspondence was read from King County Executive Ron Sims regarding the proposed changes to the County-wide Planning Policies (CPPs). All jurisdictions have by August 21, 2000 to respond to the proposals, or they are deemed to have ratified them. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Veteran's Memorial
Park Contribution (2001
Budget)

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to designate \$25,000 in the 2001 Budget for the future construction of the Veteran's Memorial Park. This memorial will commemorate all veterans who honorably served their country. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 183037 - 183425, and two wire transfers totaling \$2,050,890.63; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 25878 – 26144 and 522 direct deposits totaling \$982,516.86. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Works: Transportation
Maintenance Section
Reorganization (re Graffiti
Abatement Specialist)

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the proposed reorganization in the Transportation Maintenance section. The proposal is to convert the currently vacant Graffiti Abatement Specialist position from Maintenance Service Worker III to Traffic Maintenance Worker II, and have the position report to the Traffic Sign and Paint Supervisor. This classification better suits the position and allows more flexibility for cross-utilization of personnel within the Traffic Sign and Paint Shop. Both positions are currently at grade 15; therefore no change in budget is required.

The Finance Committee recommended that Council authorize the Administration to reorganize the Transportation Maintenance section with the conversion of the Graffiti Abatement Specialist position from Maintenance Worker III to Traffic Maintenance Worker II. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

City Clerk: Reclassifications

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence

in the staff recommendation to approve two reclassifications in the Executive Department, as follows:

Records Management Specialist, grade 7, to Records Management Specialist, grade 9 (\$1,973); and

Multimedia/Records Specialist, grade 9, to Multimedia/Records Specialist, grade 12 (\$1,992).

The above changes are effective January 1, 2000. These reclassifications will not require additional budget appropriations. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation Committee

Transportation: I-405/NE 44th St Interchange Design, Entranco

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding a contract with Entranco, Inc. for the preliminary design of the I-405/NE 44th St. interchange improvements. The Committee met on June 20th and received a briefing from Transportation staff on the negotiations with Entranco, Inc. regarding the scope and estimated cost of an engineering contract. The contract would advance the design of the proposed interchange on Interstate 405 at NE 44th St. to the 30% completion stage. The estimated cost of the agreement would be \$1,953,551, including an allowance of \$128,095 for "on call" services that may be required as the work proceeds. After receiving the briefing, the Committee recommended that Council authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with Entranco. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: I-405/NE 44th St Interchange Design, Funding Partnership

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding a Memorandum of Understanding describing the three-way funding partnership between the City, the State of Washington, and the developers for the consultant agreement (30% design contract) for the NE 44th St. interchange project. The MOU formalizes the intent and agreement for the funding partnership.

Total cost for the consultant 30% design contract is currently not expected to exceed \$2,596,000 and each partner's contribution is currently not expected to exceed \$866,000, excluding agency and developer staff time. The MOU is signed by representatives from the Washington State Department of Transportation and the developers.

The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Coal Creek Utility District, Potential Partial Assumption by Bellevue

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending that the Council approve sending a letter on behalf of the City of Renton in response to potential rate increases and level of service concerns resulting from the proposed partial assumption of the Coal Creek Utility District by the City of Bellevue.

The Committee also recommended that Council authorize the Council President to sign the letter for transmittal to the City of Bellevue and the Boundary Review Board. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Explaining that he has already signed this letter, Mayor Tanner said Council President Corman will add his signature.

**Community Services
Committee**

Boards/Commissions: Board of
Adjustment, Allowing Waiver
of Qualifications

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to approve amendments to the Renton Municipal Code in order to allow the professional qualifications to be waived for otherwise-qualified candidates appointed to serve on the Board of Adjustment. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.***

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Councilmember Nelson confirmed that any waiver of qualifications would be done on a case-by-case basis, and would require a majority vote of the Council.

***MOTION CARRIED.** (See later this page for ordinance.)

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #3460**

Plat: Windwood, NE 5th St &
Quincey Ave NE (FP-00-039)

A resolution was read approving the Windwood Division 2 final plat; 30 single family lots on 12.46 acres in the vicinity of NE 5th St. and Quincey Ave. NE (FP-00-039). **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3461

Transportation: S 2nd St
Traffic Signals Improvement,
WSDOT Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a local agency agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for improvement of the S. 2nd St. traffic signals. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the meeting of 7/10/00 for second and final reading:

Boards/Commissions: Board of
Adjustment, Allowing Waiver
of Qualifications

An ordinance was read amending Section 2-1-2 of Chapter 1, Board of Adjustment, of Title II (Commissions and Boards) of City Code by allowing the City Council to waive professional requirements for Board candidates. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/10/00. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #4848

Development Services: Sign
Code, Temporary Signs for
Special Events

An ordinance was read amending Section 140, Building Fees, of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, Section 100, Sign Regulations, of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards, and Section 190, Definitions S, of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by modifying the exemptions from sign permit requirements, amending the requirements for prohibited, temporary, and political signs and devices, and providing for grand opening and special event signage. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler reminded Council of its intention to revisit these regulations in one year to evaluate their effects. Councilman Parker expressed appreciation to the Planning & Development Committee for considering these changes, as he believed they will benefit Renton businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

EDNSP: Highlands
Revitalization Efforts

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested an update on the status of the Highlands revitalization efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:32 p.m.



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Arline
June 26, 2000